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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/876,922	KRAHN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--  
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 19 April 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

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1. This communication is in response to applicant's Amendment and Terminal disclaimer filed 19 April 2004.

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The closest prior art of record shows:

- (1) an expert and data base system and method for communications network (Galis et al US 5,175,800);
- (2) one-time log-on means and methods for distributed computing systems (Kung, US 5,241,594);
- (3) an apparatus and method for software system management (Phipps et al (US 5,640,567);
- (4) a method and device for obtaining a value of a referred to variable defined in a source program having a specific variable name (Kitadate, US 5,721,924);
- (5) an information terminal having reconfigurable memory (Pinder et al US 5,742,677);
- (6) a system for backing up files from disk volumes on multiple nodes of a computer network (Whiting et al US 5,778,395);
- (7) a method and system for escrowed backup of hotelled world wide web sites (Nielsen US 5,812,398);

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(8) a method and apparatus for moving large numbers of data files between computer systems using import and export processes employing a directory of file handles (Anderson et al, US 5,819,296);

(9) dynamic configuration of a secure processing unit for operations in various environments (Le et al US 5,883,956);

(10) a processing apparatus for scrambled data stream - determines at primary software module resident in CPU, whether data needs to be protected during subsequent transmission from computer system's CPU (EP 0887723-A2);

(11) Stevens, W. Richard, Unix Network Programming (Prentice-Hall, 1990), pp. 24-25;

(12) Schneier, Bruce, Applied Cryptography, Second Edition (Wiley, 1996), pp. 30-31, 265-269, 435-436;

(13) Wright, Gary R., TCP/IP Illustrated, vol. 2 (Addison-Wesley, 1995), pp. 64-65.

3. Applicants' set of claims consists of claims 8-17.

4. Independent claim 8 is directed at a method for the exportation of configuration data. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 8 is deemed allowable.

5. Independent claim 9 is directed at a method for the importation of configuration data. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file

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to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 9 is deemed allowable.

6. Independent claim 10 is directed at a method for the exportation of configuration data. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 10 is deemed allowable.

7. Independent claim 11 is directed at a method for the importation of configuration data. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 11 is deemed allowable.

8. Independent claim 12 is directed at a method for the importation/exportation of configuration data. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 12 is deemed allowable.

9. Independent claim 13 is directed at a computer program product for the exportation of configuration data. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 13 is deemed allowable.

10. Independent claim 14 is directed at a computer program product for the importation of configuration data. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art

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appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 14 is deemed allowable.

11. Independent claim 15 is directed at a computer program product for the exportation of configuration data by a processor. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 15 is deemed allowable.

12. Independent claim 16 is directed at a computer program product for the exportation of configuration data by a processor. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 16 is deemed allowable.

13. Independent claim 16 is directed at a computer program product for the importation/exportation of configuration data by a processor. This claim presents the uniquely distinct feature of allowing the resultant text file to be selectively edited. Because nothing in the prior art appears to teach or suggest the latter feature, independent claim 16 is deemed allowable.

14. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

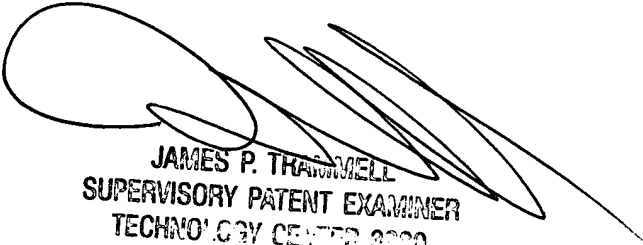
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15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cristina O Sherr whose telephone number is 703-305-0625. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5:00.

16. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

17. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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